Formation of Central Coordination Committee

5495. SHRI R. DEVADASS : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Central Coordination Committee for disabled persons has been formed and its representation in each State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Governemnt to help the disabled children; and

(d) the role of the Coordination Committee in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) to (d) The constitution of the Central Coordination Committee for Disabled Persons as required in terms of Section 3 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 is under process at present.

2. Programmes and schemes for the disabled launched by the Government also benefit disabled children. A Plan scheme, namely, Assistance to Organisations for Establishment and Development of Special Schools for the Handicapped Children has been launched from 1993-94 for the purpose of assisting non-Governmental organisations for setting up new special schools and for upgradation of the existing schools for the handicapped children.

3. The functions of the Central Coordination Committee outlined in Section 8 of the Act are designed to help evolve policies and programmes for the welfare of the disabled including disabled children.

Supply of Foodgrains to Ladakh

5496. SHRI P. NAMGYAL : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether the stock of foodgrains in Ladakh region of Jammu and Kashmir are sufficient to meet the requirement of the people in that region during 1996-97;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by the Government to make adequate supply of foodgrains to that region before the coming winter ?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The requirement of wheat, rice and sugar in the Ladakh region is 10,000 tonnes, 9500 tonnes and 1000 tonnes respectively for the entire year 1996-97. Against this FCI has delivered 10,000 (100%) tonnes of wheat to the State Government at Srinagar for conversion into wheat flour and onward despatches to Ladakh area by the State Government; 9120 (96%) tonnes rice; and 940 (94%) tonnes of sugar.

(c) Question does not arise.

Tourism Potential in Uttar Pradesh

5497. SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1809 on August 11, 1995 regarding Tourism Potential in Uttar Pradesh and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the tourism potential is suffering adversely in Uttar Pradesh hill due to "Kaccha Road" or "poorly maintained road" factors;

(b) if so, whether the attention of the State Government has been drawn to these factors; and

(c) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to overcome these adverse factors so that tourism potential can be increased there ?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) to (c) Infrastructural facilities such as good roads remain a constraint in the development of tourism in the hill areas. In order to specifically identify such problems, the Government of India has set up a Task Force along with the State Government to look into these aspects.

Dada Saheb Phalke Award

5498. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the "Dada Saheb Phalke" Award of Indian Cinema has been presented to Dr. Raj Kumar, recently;

(b) if so, whether any special programme on the life and achievements of Raj Kumar was shown by the Delhi Doordarshan after the presentation of the Award;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, whether the Government have made any efforts to telecast his interview with the great-heroes on Doordarshan to inspire young artists of the country ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The National Award function was shown live on the national network of Doordarshan alongwith excerpts from Dr. Raj Kumar's films and a short interview (in Kannada) was also put on AIR Further, DDK, Bangalore is telecasting a serial in Kannada on Dr. Raj Kumar.

(d) Does not arise.